

Briefing Paper for President's Press Conference

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GENERAL DISARMAMENT

QUESTION:

Mr. President, when do we expect the Ten-Nation Disarmament Committee to begin its negotiations on general disarmament?

ANSWER:

No specific date has as yet been set for these negotiations. I imagine they will begin sometime in the early part of next year but all parties concerned should have ample time to prepare for the negotiations to assure that they will be fruitful.

QUESTION:

Mr. President, could you give us your views on Chairman Khrushchev's proposal for complete and general disarmament?

ANSWER:

I would say this. We are ready to go as far on the road to controlled disarmament as any other country. I would add in this connection, that we are ready and willing to examine in the ten-nation disarmament committee any and all proposals which offer prospects for reaching a practical, controlled disarmament agreement.



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